

**Table 15.16-- CHARACTERISTICS OF BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS:
1988 TO 1998**

[Data refer to establishments with taxable payrolls. Coverage excludes government and self-employed workers]

Year	Number of employees 1/	Payroll (\$1,000)		Number of establishments by employment-size class 2/			
		First quarter	Annual	Total	1 to 4	5 to 9	
1988	382,943	1,710,738	7,242,782	27,938	14,570	5,971	
1989	410,745	1,924,365	8,253,134	28,443	14,736	6,006	
1990	432,663	2,157,724	9,296,865	29,313	15,243	6,064	
1991	442,743	2,341,662	9,893,345	29,736	15,082	6,392	
1992	449,173	2,490,029	10,470,074	30,467	15,567	6,479	
1993	435,907	2,480,288	10,552,017	30,157	15,456	6,383	
1994	425,987	2,538,482	10,551,036	29,995	15,548	6,326	
1995	423,822	2,611,193	10,695,990	29,942	15,599	6,305	
1996	424,116	2,666,805	10,954,149	29,967	15,785	6,257	
1997	426,129	2,707,015	11,179,954	29,991	15,842	6,221	
1998	416,571	2,736,665	11,291,978	29,603	15,466	6,235	
Number of establishments by employment-size class 2/--Con.							
Year	10 to 19	20 to 49	50 to 99	100 to 249	250 to 499	500 to 999	1,000 or more
1988	3,684	2,379	814	386	77	36	21
1989	3,805	2,443	874	427	86	40	26
1990	3,881	2,619	878	467	93	41	27
1991	4,000	2,715	924	452	100	45	26
1992	4,135	2,737	932	441	99	51	26
1993	4,113	2,704	907	428	99	40	27
1994	4,088	2,602	876	389	94	47	25
1995	4,064	2,515	895	394	102	45	23
1996	3,930	2,561	856	412	99	42	25
1997	3,934	2,515	898	411	99	47	24
1998	3,952	2,498	883	404	97	45	23

1/ For week including March 12.

2/ Data refer to establishments active anytime during the year.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *County Business Patterns* (annual).